

CIRCUMCISION

(circ = around - cision = cutting)

The circumcision of male children has its origin in a covenant which God cut with Abram when He called him out of a land of idolatry to be God's representative or priest to the world. Covenants were common among ancient people but they were made orally with words of promise since no one could read and write.

Many covenants were blood covenants because there was cutting of flesh to signify that the covenant would be kept even if it cost one his life. The blood of an animal might be used to seal a covenant or those who made the oaths may be cut to seal the promise of a covenant.

A man's word had to be his bond because there were no written documents to secure a covenant, but when a man swore by his God he then would also break covenant with his God if he failed to keep his word.

In the days of Abram the Father ruled the family and his extended family, the tribe. All the families of the earth had very recently descended from the Ark to colonize the earth. All families and tribes had their origin in Shem, Ham and Japheth, the three sons of Noah. The descendants of Noah were all one family with one language and one religion and one rule until God changed their language and caused them to scatter out into all the face of the earth. Every family and tribe had its own patriarch and every patriarch had his own different language and his own different idol for a God.

Abram the patriarch whose name means Father is chosen and called to be the Father of a family which will not worship idols, but will demonstrate to all the patriarchs and families of the earth that the God of Abraham is the only true God.

There was no knowledge of God in the land of idolatry where Abram was born but there was a knowledge of God in the land of promise where he would be a Father and raise his family.

Melchisedec was a priest of the same God who called Abram and was the King of Salem, one of the cities in the land which later would be the capital for the priestly children of Abram.

Abram is a descendant of Shem the son of Noah who was still alive during this time and may well have been Melchisedec himself. Abram will be replacing Melchisedec as the Priest of the most high God and this calling will be passed on at birth from Father to son. The Priesthood of Melchisedec ended with Melchisedec but the Priesthood of Abram will continue in his children.

This is why the cutting of the flesh in the covenant with Abram was symbolic with reproduction because the covenant was to be passed on to his children. The blessings of God to Abram were to benefit all the families of the earth not just the family of Abram in the land. Since the flesh was cut it would be a blood covenant, but where the flesh was cut was very unique in making a covenant. Also no one had ever considered that there could be a covenant between God and Man.

God is now calling one man to be His representative to all inhabitants of the world which had left the God of Noah. His name will be changed and all of his male offspring will identify with the true God of Shem by circumcision.

It could well be said that this man Abraham is the most influential human that has ever lived for his descendants today compose the three major religions of the world.

Abraham is the Father of Ishmael and Arabs and the Father of Moses and Jews, and the Father of Jesus The Christ and Christians.

The diversity of tongues had separated the children of Noah into families and tribes upon the earth; now circumcision in Abraham will separate one family from all the families of the earth.

Abraham is to be blessed by God as a Father of many families and tribes and nations upon the earth and all of his children are to circumcise their children and worship only the God of Abraham.

The God of Abraham became the God of Jacob whose name was changed to Israel (he who rules for God), and then he became the God of Moses

where God becomes a Redeemer and brings His kingdom to earth and dwells personally with the children of Israel in the land where Melchisedec had been King of Peace and Priest of the Most High God.

The children of Israel continued to circumcise their children but now God will separate the circumcised in Jacob from the circumcised in Abraham to be a chosen nation with a covenant from God for a Kingdom upon the earth.

The circumcised children of Israel now have a written covenant with the God of Abraham.

Just as God had made an oral covenant with an oath to one patriarch to separate the families of the earth, God now makes a written covenant to one nation to separate a nation from the nations of the earth.

Circumcision was instituted as a sign of the oath covenant that God made with one patriarch regarding the many nations among his descendants.

Sabbath Observance was instituted as a sign of the written covenant that God made with twelve patriarchs who would become ONE NATION under the rule of God.

Circumcision Observance began with Abraham and Sabbath Observance began with Moses.

Just as all of the children of Abraham are to keep the sign of circumcision likewise all the children of Israel are to keep the sign of Sabbath observance.

Circumcision was instituted by God to the uncircumcised elect while the Sabbath was instituted by God to the circumcised elect.

Circumcision was a covenant sign to a chosen man and the Family while the Sabbath was a covenant sign to a chosen nation and the Kingdom.

Circumcision separates the children of Abraham from the uncircumcised world of idolatry while the Sabbath separates the children of Jacob from the circumcised world of true worshipers.

When God gave the Sabbath covenant to Jacob He was not changing the circumcision covenant which He made with Abraham.

The blessings of God are still upon the circumcised in Abraham if they are faithful but now the blessing of God is a Kingdom on earth.

We see the blessing of circumcision upon Ishmaelites and Edomites according to their faith and now the Kingdom of God is given to the Israelites and the blessing of this Kingdom Covenant will also be according to faithfulness.

The Nation of twelve tribes is to be a Priestly Nation to the world of both circumcision and uncircumcision and one tribe is chosen to be a Priestly tribe to the Nation and one family for the Priesthood. One tribe is chosen for a Royal Tribe and one Family is chosen for the Kings.

When Jesus appears in the Gospel days of the first century the chosen family of Priests had failed as well as their chosen Family of Kings and the whole nation of Jacob was in bondage to the uncircumcised in their own Kingdom land.

The Nation no longer ruled for God or ruled for themselves but was subject to the rule of the uncircumcised who called them by a despised term of Jews rather than Israelites.

Jesus presented Himself to the circumcised Nation of Sabbath Keepers as the One (anointed) who the Prophets foretold would come and be both King and Priest in a new Kingdom with a new Sabbath.

Jesus like Moses went First to the circumcised with His message of Redemption, but unlike Moses the circumcised rejected their Redeemer.

The circumcised of Moses Day received Moses and redemption from the uncircumcised Idol worshipers but the circumcised of Jesus day rejected their deliverer and turned Him over to Idol worshipers to crucify.

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